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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 with six (6) enclosed references
- (X) Return prepaid postcard

- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing six (6) references that are also enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits, and presumably no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). If a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before the mailing date of this Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

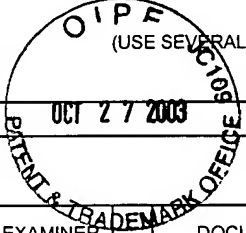
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
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	1	JP 63-274605	11/11/88	Japan			abstract only	

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)	
	2	"Preparation of Mixed Ultrafine (Al+AlN) Powders and Their Nitridation" by Uda et al; Physical Chemistry of Powder Metals Production; The Minerals, Metals & Materials Society (1989)
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	4	"New Ceramic Processing Approaches Using Combustion Synthesis Under Gas Pressure" by Miyamoto; Ceramic Bulletin, Vol. 69, No. 4, pp. 686-690 (1990)
	5	"Aluminum Nitride, a Refractory for Aluminum for 2000" by Long et al; Journal of American Ceramic Society, Vol. 42, No. 2, pp. 53-59 (Feb. 1, 1959)
	6	"Comprehensive Treatise On Inorganic and Theoretical Chemistry" by Mellor; Vol. VIII, Nitrogen and Phosphorus. Longmans, Green and Co., New York, pp. 111-112 (1928)

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